

Are you up for an adventure of a lifetime? How about spending a week sailing the Adriatic Sea? There are islands abound, warm waters, and many activities to partake.

The Goddard Sailing Association (GSA) is planning their 2nd annual sailing trip to the Adriatic Sea off the coast of Croatia in September of 2014. This is an opportune time to sail these waters as the summer crowds are back home, waters and temps are still warm, and costs are down.

Many adventures await. We may choose an itinerary similar to: <http://orvas-yachting.com/guide/croatia-routes/croatia-sailing-routes/>; from diving in the extraordinary nautical waters of Sesula cove, exploring the ancient town of Tribunj, known as Jurjevgrad from the 13th – 15th century, as well as other ancient towns amid the islands spanning thousands of years BC, or swimming



on Bisevo coast

while exploring the sea caves in



Balun cove
island of Veli Drvenik

, kayaking around the



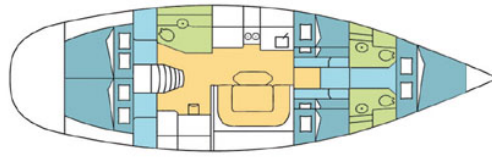
, or exploring the Hvar of the Dalmatian riveria



The possibilities are endless.

Accommodations will remain on the vessel we select and will depend on the number of people who show interest. A typical boat will sleep 8 – 10 people, have a full galley (kitchen), bathrooms with

showers (albeit cozy), GPS, dinghy, etc. The example of a boat will be similar to the one chartered last year in the British Virgin Islands, the 52' Harmony.



This boat had 3 double cabins and 4 single berths, 3 bathrooms, and was roomy enough for everyone to feel comfortable moving around the cabin.

So, come join us on this adventure of a lifetime. You do not have to know how to sail but a little experience with a lot interest would be superb.

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Don't like to sail?

This may be an opportune time for a travel companion to visit this area who does not like to sail. Sample itineraries of the endless possibilities are listed below.

The club sail out of Croatia scheduled for September 2014 offers numerous opportunities for the non-sailors to enjoy themselves while their sailing partner partakes of an adventure on the Adriatic. As you will probably surmise after reading the comments here I'm a history (Roman) buff. J. Burris

Croatia:

1. Investigate the well preserved ruins of the Roman emperor Constantine's palace in Split. For the Roman history buff this is an opportunity to see how the better half lived in ~300 AD.



2. Visit a cheese farm in Croatia



<http://paskisir.wordpress.com/2013/02/21/gligora-cheese-and-wine-pairing/>

3. The medieval town of Dubrovnik.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dubrovnik>



4. For the more adventurous (or foolhardy) visits to Bosnia and Serbia could be arranged – hopefully round trip.

5. An overnight in a [lighthouse](#) can be arranged. There are multiple options, with the possibility of sailing to several. Some must be rented by the week, but the lighthouse at Grebeni can be rented for two nights.

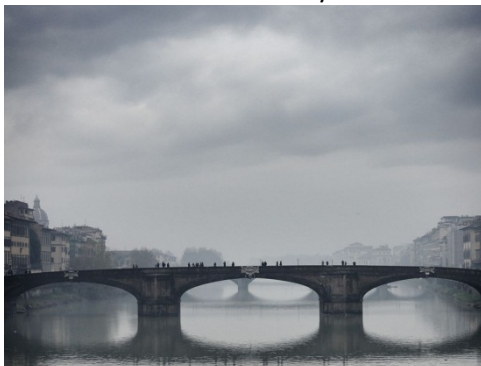


Italy:

1. Our flight's destination is Venice where there is much to occupy the intrepid visitor. In addition to visiting the city where part of the James Bond classic, Moonraker, was filmed there are all of those neat churches, museums and restaurants to be explored off the various canals.



2. The ancient capital of the western Roman empire (~fifth century) at Ravenna is easily accessible with many fine churches and museums – for example Galla Pacidia's (a modern woman residing in the 5th century) mausoleum. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ravenna>
3. Venice is a major hub for the Italian rail network which provides easy and inexpensive access to the major cities of Italy.
4. Trips of varying lengths to Florence (think the Uffizi museum among many other splendors) <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uffizi> are possible. See the bridge over the river Arno that has been the home to gold and silver smiths since the early 1200s.



5. Rome (Vatican museum, Capitoline Museum and Antica Ostia) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ostia_Antica, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Capitoline_Museums



6. Napoli: think Baiae (or sin city for the rich and famous of the Roman Empire) <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baiae>, Pompeii, Herculaneum and Oplontis. All of those locations are easily reached via the Napoli suburban rail system. Take the ferry to the island of Capri and visit the emperor Tiberius's pleasure palace – made famous in that porno cult classic 'Caligula'.
7. Outstanding Italian cuisine awaits in all of these cities for those willing to explore off the beaten path.



Turkey:

1. Our flight from Dulles to Venice (\$750/RT including all taxes, fees and 2 free checked bags) makes a short stop in Istanbul. For those that would be interested it is possible to spend several days in Istanbul and explore the city's rich heritage. That includes:
2. The East Roman empire's capital at Constantinople and the associated museums. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constantinople>
3. The Ottoman empire's impact on modern Turkey – the Ottomans overran Constantinople in 1453 AD.
4. Check out the Golden Horn, Bosphorus and Sea of Marmara.
5. See the Hagia Sophia.



6. Visit the Grand Bazaar – the largest in the world.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grand_Bazaar,_Istanbul



7. The subway system serving Istanbul is fast, clean, cheap, safe and 'easy' for us non-Turkish speaking folks to navigate.
8. Great food!
9. Great bargains on carpets?